

11 February 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT: Briefing Memorandum for Item 2 on IAC Agenda for 16 February ("NSC Semi-Annual Supplementary Status Report on the Foreign Intelligence Program")

1. This report is the seventh submitted since July 1951; it is the first to be presented as a semi-annual supplement reporting only most significant changes, all previous reports having been complete reviews of the period covered.

2. This report has been developed by representatives of the IAC agencies. They agree as to all sections except the general statement on Military Intelligence (Section IV(1)p. 5). The footnote version (which singles out clandestine operations as the area for improvement) is favored by G-2, ONI and JIG. CIA, State, and perhaps AFOIN will support the text version. This version borrows from the JIC "Deficiencies Paper" three critical aspects of military intelligence agreed by all services to be deficient in coverage. Two other such aspects ("Political Decisions" and "Economic Decisions") are not included because not so directly involved with military intelligence. If the Services ask that these be covered, the following statements could be proposed for addition to the sections indicated:

a) Add to end of Section III: "However, intelligence on Soviet political decisions is inadequate for the needs of military planning."

b) Add to end of paragraph 1 of Section V, "In spite of the foregoing, intelligence on Soviet economic decisions is inadequate for the needs of military planning."

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3. This report was requested by 1 February. An extension (freely granted to 17 February) was requested to allow resolution of the disagreement as to Section IV(1) and to permit redrafting an earlier version which you felt insufficiently reported accomplishments and unduly stressed problems and inadequacies.

4. No one connected with the production of these reports feels that anything practical is attained by the attempts thus far to meet the stated need. (This need is always stated in terms of "showing status in relation to the objectives in current national security policies.") It is recommended that the DCI inform the IAC that CIA will explore, with the NSC, whether these reports should not be discontinued.

5. A separate report on "Related Activities," prepared by DDP and not coordinated with the IAC agencies, is available in response to the NSC request, but will be held by the DCI for very limited disclosure to a few key officials.

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